Automated Commercial Environment—Requirements Recommendation

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Requirement Post Release: Importers should have flexibility to structure the IASS in the manner that best comports with their business practices (e.g., either by importer number, port, etc.).	
In addition to the considerations expressed in ENT-003 Business Need IB about the structure of an IASS (incorporated here by reference), flexibility should be available to file multiple IASS's, one per importer ID number, one per port, etc. Certain import/business processes may be susceptible to the efficient consolidation of data into a monthly IASS, others may not. The business community would prefer not to have a flag at the time of release indicating the type of follow-up: individual summary or IASS. The release should be treated as an IOU, with satisfaction coming through the actual filing of an individual summary (currently within 10 working days) or through an IASS consolidated summary.	
Technical Need	
Benefits Flexibility for importers and other filers to consolidate statistical and revenue data in ways that are cost efficient. In addition, when special statutory directives for the collection of statistical data are issued, filers will be better able to segregate the information that requires special attention. Risks	
Related Subcommittees	
Priority: Critical] High

¹ Richard M. Belanger, ERP III Letter to Stuart Seidel, April 10, 2001.